

Senate Engrossed

FILED

**JANICE K. BREWER
SECRETARY OF STATE**

State of Arizona
Senate
Forty-eighth Legislature
First Regular Session
2007

CHAPTER 166

SENATE BILL 1357

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 25-324, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 25-324, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 25-324. Attorney fees

5 A. The court from time to time, after considering the financial
6 resources of both parties and the reasonableness of the positions each party
7 has taken throughout the proceedings, may order a party to pay a reasonable
8 amount to the other party for the costs and expenses of maintaining or
9 defending any proceeding under this chapter or chapter 4, article 1 of this
10 title. ON REQUEST OF A PARTY OR ANOTHER COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE
11 COURT SHALL MAKE SPECIFIC FINDINGS CONCERNING THE PORTIONS OF ANY AWARD OF
12 FEES AND EXPENSES THAT ARE BASED ON CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND
13 THAT ARE BASED ON CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLENESS OF POSITIONS. THE COURT
14 MAY MAKE THESE FINDINGS BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF A FEE AWARD.

15 B. For the purpose of this section, costs and expenses may include
16 ~~attorney's~~ ATTORNEY fees, deposition costs and other reasonable expenses as
17 the court finds necessary to the full and proper presentation of the action,
18 including any appeal.

19 C. The court may order all amounts paid directly to the attorney, who
20 may enforce the order in the attorney's name with the same force and effect,
21 and in the same manner, as if the order had been made on behalf of any party
22 to the action.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 1, 2007.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 1, 2007.